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In re Application of  
Katikaneni and Chaclos  
Application No.: 09/973,458  
Filed: April 30, 2001  
Attorney Docket No: F-113  
For: MAILING SYSTEM HAVING FLEXIBLE PRINTING  
OF MESSAGES

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: DECISION ACCORDING  
: RULE 47(a) STATUS  
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed February 1, 2002.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

The above-cited application was filed on April 30, 2001, without an executed declaration for inventor Katikaneni. On December 10, 2001, a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional was mailed allowing an extendable period for response of two months from the mailing date. The notice indicated that an executed declaration for inventor Katikaneni was required along with a surcharge in the amount of \$130.00 for the late filing of the declaration. The instant petition was filed on February 1, 2001, in response to the notice.

Petitioner has shown that inventor Katikaneni has constructively refused to join the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

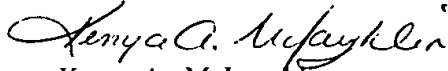
As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application will be forwarded to the Technology Center 3600 for further processing.

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